

## Violations Director Report : June 2021 AGM

For my directors report I'd like to start by thanking both Lisa and Chris for their time on the board, and for all they have done for this community. It's very easy to sit back and not personally see the things getting done, and wonder what the board may be accomplishing. I will fully admit that there was a time where I also wondered what the board did, but having spent some time on the board myself, I can definitely say that quite a lot goes on behind the scenes, and Lisa and Chris have both been amazing through it all and I'm sad to see their terms expiring, and would like to let them both know how much they are appreciated!

We have had several other members stepping up to fill interim positions, and I'd like to acknowledge their hard work as well, and my appreciation for all of our hardworking board members, and our staff as well!

To sort of sum up violations for this past year ,

A few of the violations have been: members bringing in motorhomes and travel trailers without permission. Permission is required to bring them in for any length of time.

There were also a few dog complaints.

Another issue that was addressed was that we had several homes with unlicensed vehicles, and accumulation outside on their lots. We have been working with owners to get these cleaned up a little, to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

I'd say the majority of violations this past year were due to both owners, and some property managers not registering, or not properly registering their guests. But I'd also like to point out that there are also many who diligently do a great job with this as well, and we are very thankful for them!

Another big issue has been cutting trees without permission, and property issues in regards to new construction. This has been probably the greatest challenge from a violations standpoint. Many members do come in, read the rules and ask for help when they aren't sure about a rule, and do their best to cooperate, and get permission when needed, and we whole heartedly thank them for that! But sadly others come in and just assume that they can get out of any rule by looking for a loophole, or just refusing to abide by them and try to do whatever they want. It's as if these ones feel they are special, or deserve some sort of special treatment, and are above our rules. This has probably been the most frustrating and disrespectful of our violations issues this past year, and if you've noticed our rules becoming a little stricter

especially in regards to new builds, this is exactly why. Because MBR needs to have the legal leg to stand on, to make sure we can legally support our rules and enforce them. Luckily we now have Steve Pand on the board serving as an Interim director, and he has been a tremendous help for us in regards to legal matters as he is very knowledgeable in this regard, so I sincerely hope he will be voted in at this AGM to continue helping us out!

One last thing I'd just like to point out for those who move here and don't like our rules, or are determined to break them, this is something that I find very important to acknowledge.

I don't know how many of you are familiar with the Paradise, and Peaceful Valley area of the county which is just about 10 minutes west of here, but for any of you who do not know the area well, I encourage you take a drive through there and take a good hard look around. You wouldn't know it now, but that area was once a well-kept area with rules and guidelines much like MBR. They had a beautiful community swimming pool, they had a clubhouse where neighbors would have get together and meet and get to know each other. They had a community that was taken care of, hence the names "Paradise, and Peaceful Valley" Now this place is often referred to by names such as Parasite, the ghetto, or Meth Valley due to all the drug problems. They have many many run down homes, old broken down vehicles, and trash all over the yards. The drugs and violence are rampant, and the thieves steal daily from their neighborhood. The once beautiful area is not what it once was, and although that may be an extreme example, I'd like to point out that there is a reason why MBR has rules, and why some rules have had to become more strict over the years. These rules are to protect our neighborhood. While its easy when you yourself would like to get a project done to think it's ridiculous when the rules don't allow it, I'd ask you to stop and ask yourself what would it look like in here if they allowed every single lot to do the same thing I want to do? Would it still be beautiful here, or would it be clear cut lots, with house over house and no woods and nature feel left? Is that what you want? Is that what drew all of us to this area is the idea of living in a city like neighborhood? I would venture to say most of us probably choose to own in here because we find this place beautiful, and we love the nature that surrounds us, and the board is doing our best to keep it that way. So rather than ask why you can't break rule, or why you have to follow a rule, ask yourself instead, Why might this rule be here in place, and how do I actually benefit from it when all lots are required to follow this same rule so that favoritism isn't shown to just me?

Looking at the rules in this way can really help to open our eyes as to why they are here. Let's all do our part to try and help MBR be the beautiful neighborhood that it can be.